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SEIZURE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of live and used arms and ammunition seized by the Customs Department during the last two years;

(b) the action taken in each case against the concerned importer(s); and

(c) the reasons for allowing import of unshredded metallic waste despite ban ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The details of the live and used arms and ammunition seized by the Customs Department during the last 2 years are follows:

YEAR	NUMBER OF LIVE AND USED ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZED	RIFLES/PISTOL AMMUNITION (No.+Mt)
2003-04	15	1068 Nos + 0.690 MT
2004-05	04	15379 Nos.+55.577 MT
2005-06	11	357 Nos.+193.449 MT

(b) In the cases detected by the Customs field formations, Show Cause Notices have been issued, proposing confiscation of seized goods and imposition of penalty under the Customs Act, 1962. Wherever warranted, the persons involved were arrested.

(c) As per provisions of import policy, the import of metal scrap in unshredded, compressed or loose form is required to be accompanied by a pre-shipment inspection certificate and such metal scrap can be imported at 26 numbers of specified ports. Further, import of scrap only in shredded form is allowed from the port of Bandar Abbas,Iran. Thus, the import of metal scrap in unshredded, compressed or loose form from Bandar Abbas, Iran is not permitted.